

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 October 1956		2. LOCATION Presque Isle, Maine		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 24/2209Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION two to three seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE Easterly	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One orange-red, round object with a streamer the size of a dime at arm's length. Object's tail was same size as object proper & was tapered toward the rear. Object was initially sighted at 30dgr elevation in the north and traveled at great speed to the east where it dropped out of sight below the horizon. Object was viewed visually for 2 or three seconds.				11. COMMENTS Description of this sighting conforms to criteria for a meteor hypothesis.	



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Witness

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PP RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ RJEPNB

DE RJEPSN 8J

P 251730Z

FM COMDR 75TH FINCEPTRON PIAFB ME

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEPNB/COMDR EADF STEWART AFB NY

RJEPSN/COMDR 32ND ADIV SYR AFS NY

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WPAFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR INTELL HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC

INFO ZEN/COMDR 23RD FTR GP PIAFB ME

ZEN/FLT 3-G 4602D AISS PIAFB ME

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/UNCLASSIFIED/75I 214-1. ATTN CIC EADF. UFOB THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS  
SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7, AFR 200-2: PART I (1)(A)  
ROUND, WITH STREAMER BEHIND (B) DIME (C) ORANGE-RED, FLAME-COLOR (D)  
ONE (E) N/A (F) NONE (G) TAIL, SAME SIZE, TAPERING TOWARD REAR (H)  
NONE (I) APPEARED TO BE TRAVELING AT GREAT SPEED, ESTIMATED 1000  
KNOTS (2)(A) FLASH IN SKY (B) 30 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON TO THE NORTH  
(C) DROPPED BELOW HORIZON (D) STRAIGHT FLIGHT PATH, EAST TO WEST (E)  
DROPPED BELOW HORIZON (F) APPROXIMATELY 2 OR 3 SECONDS (3)(A) GROUND-  
VISUAL (B) NONE (C) N/A (4)(A) 242209 OCT 56 (B) DUSK (5) HKGB 5741,  
PRESQUE ISLE AFB ME (6)(B) JAMES R. TURPEN, 1ST LT., 75TH FTR INTCP

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ACTION

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SQDN, PILOT, A-2 (7)(A)CAVU (B) SURFACE 340 AT 17, 6000' 350 AT 40,  
10,000' 320 AT 55, 16,000' 300 AT 65, 20,000' 290 AT 75, 30,000' 290  
AT 70, 50,000' 290 AT 50, 80,000' 270 AT 25 (C) CLEAR (D) 20 MILES  
(E) NONE (F) NEGATIVE (8) B-47'S WERE DROPPING CHAFF IN THE AREA AT  
TIME OF SIGHTING CAA WEATHER STATION, CARIBOU, ME RELEASED BALLOON  
AT 2130Z (9) NONE (10) SIX AIRCRAFT WERE IN THE AREA AT TIME OF  
SIGHTING EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN LANDING TIMES AT HOMERPLATE AS



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SQDN, PILOT, A-2 (7)(A)CAVU (B) SURFACE 340 AT 17, 6000' 350 AT 40, 10,000' 320 AT 55, 16,000' 300 AT 65, 20,000' 290 AT 75, 30,000' 290 AT 70, 50,000' 290 AT 50, 80,000' 270 AT 25 (C) CLEAR (D) 20 MILES (E) NONE (F) NEGATIVE (8) B-47'S WERE DROPPING CHAFF IN THE AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING CAA WEATHER STATION, CARIBOU, ME RELEASED BALLOON AT 2130Z (9) NONE (10) SIX AIRCRAFT WERE IN THE AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING, EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN. LANDING TIMES AT HOMEPLATE AS FOLLOWS: SUPERDUPER QUEBEC 1--2206, SUPERDUPER QUEBEC 2--2213, SUPERDUPER ROMEO 1--2257, SUPERDUPER ROMEO 2--2300, BENEFICIAL HOTEL 1--2209, BENEFICIAL 41--2214. LAST-NAMED AIRCRAFT WAS T-33 AIRCRAFT, ALL OTHERS WERE F-89D AIRCRAFT. UPKEEP 41, B-52 AIRCRAFT, CANCELLED IFR CLEARANCE OVER HOULTON ME AT 2201, LANDED AT LORING AFB ME AT 2309 (11) INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 75TH FTR INTCP SQDN. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS: NEGATIVE (12) NONE PART II (1)(A) ROUND (B) BASEBALL (C) ORANGE-RED (D) ONE (E) N/A (F) NONE (G) TAIL STRETCHED OUT BEHIND OBJECT (H) NONE (I) OBJECT TRAVELING QUITE FAST. DID NOT APPEAR TO BE METEOR DUE TO ELEVATION AND FLIGHT PATH (2)(A) SAW OBJECT IN SKY (B) 30 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON TOWARD SOUTHEAST (C) 05 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON (D) STRAIGHT FLIGHT PATH FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST (E) FADED (F) 5 SECONDS (3)(A) GROUND-VISUAL (B) NONE (C) N/A (4)(A)

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242205 OCT 56 (B) DUSK (5) HKGB 5741, PRESQUE ISLE AFB ME (6)(B) WILSON H. MCMILLAN, T/SGT, DETACHMENT 17, 12TH WEATHER SQDN, WEATHER FORECASTER, B-2 (7)(A) CAVU. SECTIONS (7)(B) THRU (12), SAME AS PART I.

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